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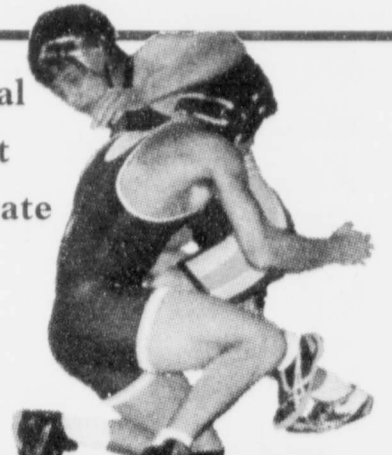


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## What now? Students facing pregnancy have options

Samantha MacConnell

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For most, college is the time to acquire a higher education, make life-long friends, discover oneself and date different people while obtaining a degree. But sometimes life can take an unexpected turn and for some female students, this can mean pregnancy.

The Cal Poly Health Center offers help to students who are pregnant, or suspect that they may be pregnant, including free and confidential consultations to help them weigh their options and find the right off-campus resource.

"They don't have to choose exactly which option because obviously pregnancy is a big deal," said Mischa Davies, a psychology senior and the Educational Resources on Sexuality (EROS) team coordinator at the Health Center.

"We don't refer them to any specific place," she continued. "That is for them to choose."

PULSE, which stands for Peers, Understanding, Listening, Speaking, Educating, consists of three teams in the Health Center: HEAT, TLC and EROS. These teams are made up of students in all majors ready to provide information and support to students about a variety of health concerns.

EROS covers a plethora of topics concerning sexuality, including information on abstinence and contraception methods. It also provides free condoms, lubricants and latex dental dams to students.

Additionally, students can obtain information about sexually transmitted infections, relationship

issues and communication between partners.

A student in this situation can expect to be asked questions about her use of contraceptives, feelings about pregnancy, partner history, support from a partner or family and personal morals.

"You can't push your own beliefs on them, especially since it's such a hard thing being pregnant," said Davies. "It's definitely important to see what they want to do and what is viable for them depending on their situation."

EROS presents the options the pregnant student has — whether to continue with or terminate the pregnancy in the event of birth, whether to keep the baby or put it up for adoption.

"It's definitely better that they don't have some negative influence on them and push you in the wrong direction because all three of these options can have psychological effects if you don't feel right with it," Davies said.

The Health Center, located in building 27 next to the Recreation Center, is a good starting point for students with pregnancy or sexual health concerns. Services include pregnancy tests, Pap tests, sexually transmitted infection tests and pelvic exams. Tests will be performed by a female doctor upon request.

The Health Center does not make referrals but it provides students the information about different clinics and the services they provide. It also offers resources for abortion or post-abortion counseling, prenatal services, sexual health and adoption.

"We feel that that is a personal choice, so we

don't take a position one way or another, unless it's a health issue," Director of Health Education Rojean York-Dominguez said. "Different values, different family systems, different lifestyles, career goals and different types of relationships all factor in when looking at a pregnancy."

EOC Health Services, located on Grand Avenue near campus, is one of the many clinics in San Luis Obispo that offers students a confidential environment where he or she can go to seek counseling and services.

EOC offers pregnancy tests, Pap tests, sexually transmitted infection tests, information about contraception methods and in some cases, free contraception.

"Our goal is to give a nonjudgmental environment where people can feel comfortable asking questions and not feel threatened by the decisions they are

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## Pregnancy Resources

> HEALTH CENTER  
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PREGNANCY TEST  
PAP TEST  
STI TEST  
PELVIC EXAM  
PEER COUNSELING

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STI TEST  
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COUNSELING

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## Internationally-acclaimed architect kicks off winter lecture series

Genevieve Loggins

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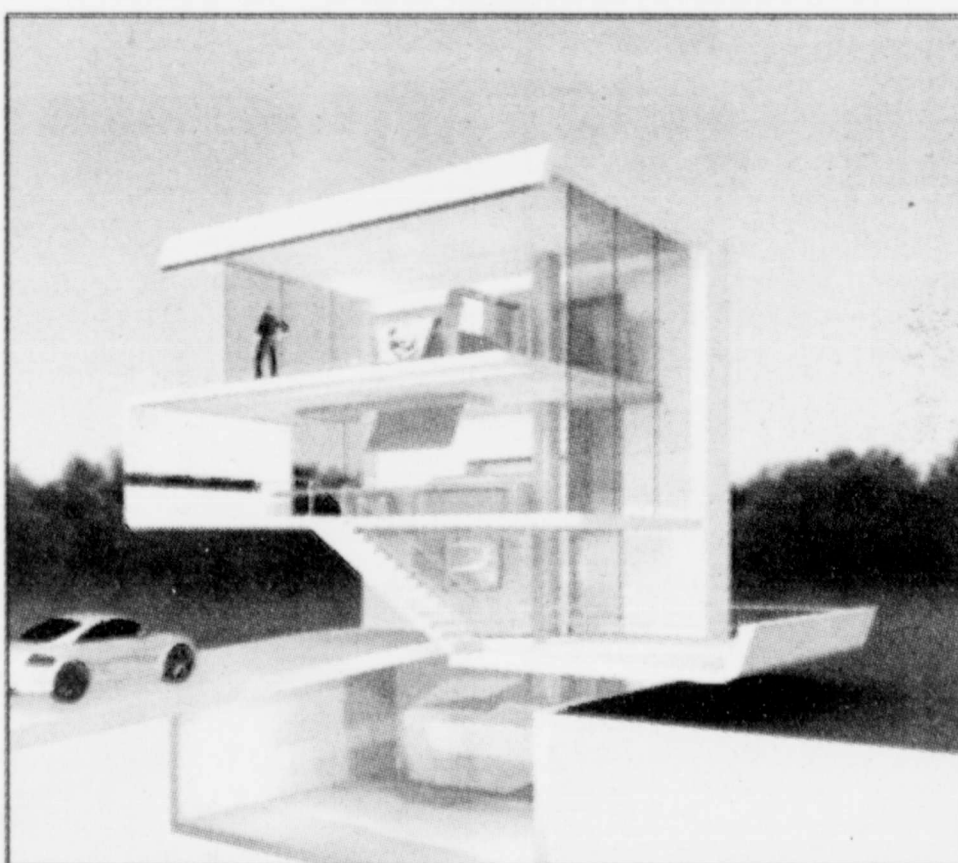
World-renowned for his contemporary and environmental designs, New York architect Joel Sanders will kick off the first lecture of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design's winter Hearst Lecture Series Friday.

Sanders, of Joel Sanders Architects is an associate professor at Yale University School of Architecture and has completed numerous residential, commercial and interior design projects with sustainable environmental design firms.

The lecture is meant to inform students about the development of innovative books and articles on international postmodern culture, Phillips said. It will also delve into the value of architectural research and design.

"Sanders always engages conversation in regards to his stylish and ex-

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The Access house is one of Joel Sander's many designs. Meant to be a beach house, the design was part of a Washington D.C. exhibition titled "Picture this: Windows of the American home."

## Poly anti-hazing advocates honored

Chris Jagger

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In the wake of controversy surrounding Cal Poly's greek system, three students in fraternities have recently been awarded for their anti-hazing efforts.

Social sciences senior Jacob Lopez, materials engineering junior Andrew Righter and soil science senior Daniel Kim have all been officially recognized by hazingprevention.org for the actions they have taken to eliminate hazing from their respective fraternities.

Hazingprevention.org is a non-profit organization that seeks to educate people about what hazing is and provide resources to help change the hazing culture within groups. Every year, the Hank Nuwer Anti-Hazing Hero Award is given to individuals who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to com-

bat hazing. The organization defines hazing as any action taken, or situation intentionally created, that causes embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. This year, all six recipients were affiliated with greek life.

Cal Poly alumnus Adrian Herrera who won an anti-hazing hero award in 2008, nominated his Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity brothers Lopez and Righter for the award in 2009.

Lopez pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon in the spring of 2006. As a new member, he did not like the way his pledge class was treated.

"When I joined, there was a hazing new member process," Lopez said. "It focused primarily on calisthenics. I would say it was similar to boot camp."

During Lopez's second year, Herrera convinced him that hazing misrepresented the values of the

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## Architect

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tremely present contemporary pieces," Stephen Phillips, series director and Cal Poly assistant professor of design, said.

Sanders is featured in international exhibits, including "Glamour" at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, "New Hotels for Global Demands" at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, "Bienal de Sao Paulo" in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and "Unprivate House" at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

"It's not easy to run a successful architecture firm, have experience

and know the process of being a building practitioner," Phillips said. "The best lecturers know how to relate to students and Sanders is one of them."

Sander's architectural designs have won him recognition in contemporary design, and the ability to recognize what is important when studying architectural design, Phillips added.

Architecture department head Henri de Hahan said the Hearst Lecture series, established about fifteen years ago, is made possible by grants from the Hearst Foundation.

"Students need to know what's happening in the outside world along with always thinking and building

knowledge to create a model of life," he said. "The lecture series enables our students to think this way."

The architecture program has recently been ranked number three in the 2009 edition of America's Best Architecture & Design Schools, placing Cal Poly just above Cornell University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

"Along with our intellectual scholars, prestigious leaders and informative directors, this series has been the envy of the West Coast," de Hahan said.

Sanders will speak this Friday at 4p.m. in the Business Rotunda room 213. This lecture is free and open to the public.

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organization. Lopez helped eliminate hazing within his fraternity by reaching out to his brothers on an individual basis.

"What I really tried to do was show people how much their problems with our organization matched up with the problems associated with hazing," Lopez said. "I guess I really tried to spearhead the logical aspect of our argument against hazing."

Lopez served as new member Educator for a year. During this time, he developed a hazing-free program that focused on positive fraternity ideals. Lopez is the current president of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Righter pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon before Lopez, in the fall of 2006 and served as president during the fraternity's transitory period in 2007. He shared the same ideals as many of the members who were standing up against hazing at the time.

"I believe that no matter how mild or severe any hazing is, it should not be a part of a Greek organization because it completely contradicts the values we pledge to uphold as a member," Righter said. "I was part of a new member class that got hazed."

Making Tau Kappa Epsilon a hazing-free organization was not a walk in the park. Initially, many members who were opposed to change quit the fraternity. However, Righter's leadership ultimately prevailed. He helped his house double

its membership and assisted Lopez in educating new members in a hazing-free environment.

"The reason I was chosen for this award is because I was the president during a time of transition," Righter said. "I helped lead my fraternity through a tough time and ensured that we didn't slip back into old habits."

Kim, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, won the anti-hazing hero award for his stand against hazing within his fraternity.

"As new member education chair, I had a lot of control over what the associate members did," Kim said. "I also took a hard stance against some of the things we used to do."

Kim joined in the fall of 2004 and underwent a new member education program that involved hazing. He ran into opposition while attempting to get rid of these traditions by approaching various brothers and discussing the pros and cons of hazing.

"A lot of people were really against what I was trying to do," Kim said.

Kim decided to address his entire fraternity by giving a speech about why hazing was hurting the fraternity.

"I gave this speech and presentation to the chapter about the negative aspects of hazing and people rallied behind me," Kim said.

He eventually compromised with Delta Chi by designing a new member education program that he thought was more healthy and safe for members but also retained some traditions.

## Pregnant

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going to make," said Francesca Peterson, EOC Health Services clinic manager. "We just try and give them resources."

Services provided at EOC are free to low cost depending on family size and income. FPACT (Family, Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment) is a program that assists students in receiving all services at no cost.

"Most students have a very limited income, so based on an income and family size, a vast majority of students we see get their services here for free and it's paid for by the state program," said Peterson.

"We would love to see more and more students there," she added.

Planned Parenthood of San Luis

Obispo is another resource where students can go if they are pregnant or think they may be pregnant.

Located downtown on Pismo Street, Planned Parenthood offers pregnancy tests and an counseling session where options such as parenting and adoption are discussed with the patient. They are also the only facility in the county that provides abortion services.

Planned Parenthood allows patients to become a part of a state funding program, which charges on a sliding fee scale based on income and family size.

Choices Pregnancy Resource Center is another center where students and members of the community can obtain pregnancy information and counseling. Services include pregnancy tests, abstinence education and counseling for women who are pregnant.

Though the center will discuss

different options with the patient, it is anti-abortion and encourages women to abstain from sex.

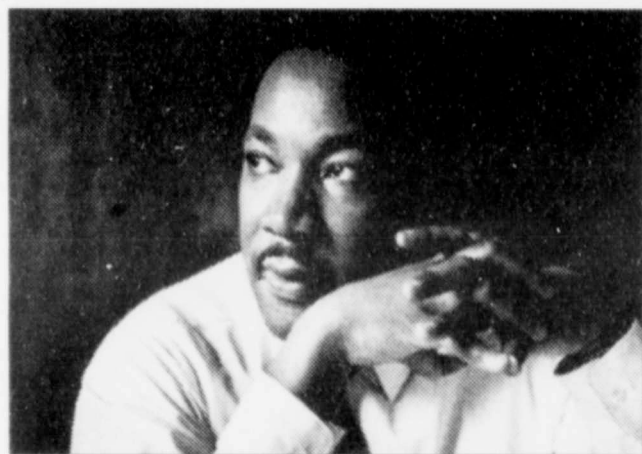
"We do not judge anybody about their choices, but we are here to help them with whatever they decide," said Maria Estrada, director at Choices.

Choices is a non-profit Christian-based pregnancy resource center that receives money from community efforts, fundraising and donations from churches. It is not a clinic, but is currently in the process of getting funding, approval and licensing and hopes to become one.

According to Davies, there was only one pregnancy scare last year at EROS, which signifies that unplanned pregnancy is not a major problem at Cal Poly.

For a full list of pregnancy resources, please visit the Cal Poly Health Center.

## Legacy March In Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Dr. Cornel Morton, Vice President for Student Affairs, invites students, faculty and staff to join him and others by participating in the Cal Poly Legacy March, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Date: Thursday, January 15, 2009**

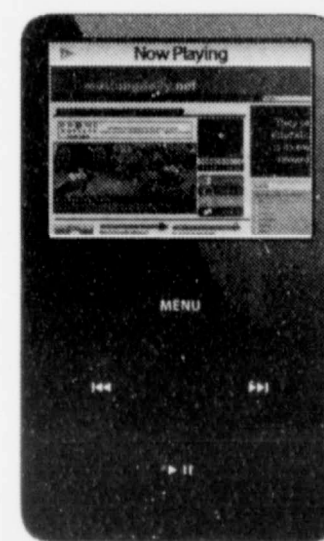
**Time: 11:10am—11:40am**

**Where: Dexter Lawn to University Union Plaza**

Participants will meet on Dexter lawn at 11:10am for a short program with the march commencing by 11:40am, at the "Red Handprint" monument in the University Union Sandwich Factory Plaza.

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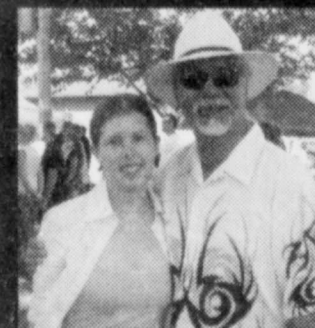
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## Briefs

### State

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — A former transit police officer has been charged with murder for the fatal shooting of an unarmed and allegedly restrained black man in a racially charged case that has outraged residents and community leaders and set off violent protests.

Newly released court documents allege that Johannes Mehserle, who was charged Tuesday, shot 22-year-old Oscar Grant while Grant had his hands behind his back and another officer was kneeling on his neck.

**SALINAS, Calif. (AP)** — Salinas police are battling a recent spate of violence that's killed at least five people in separate incidents over three days.

Investigators suspect all of the shootings are gang-related. Sgt. Chris Lane says each victim was either connected to the Nortenos gang or its rival, the Sureños.

Among those killed are two Alisal High School students, including a 15-year-old boy who was fatally shot behind the school Monday.

No arrests have been made in the five slayings. Police say gang violence is an ongoing problem in the city. Gangs were blamed for 23 of the 25 homicides in Salinas last year.

### National

**ROANOKE, Va. (AP)** — A peanut butter maker that sells bulk supplies to institutions issued a nationwide recall as officials on Wednesday reported two more deaths associated with a salmonella outbreak. Its client Kellogg Co. later asked stores to stop selling a variety of peanut butter crackers.

Lynchburg-based Peanut Corp. of America issued the recall late Tuesday for 21 lots of peanut butter made since July 1 at its plant in Blakely, Ga., because of possible salmonella contamination.

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Barack Obama's train trip Saturday from Philadelphia to Washington offers people who can't make it for the inauguration to catch a glimpse of the next president.

The Presidential Inaugural Committee announced Wednesday that Obama, his family and the group of "everyday Americans" accompanying them on the train plan to gather at the 30th Street Station in Philadelphia that morning. Tickets for the event where Obama will speak have been distributed.

The train stops in Wilmington, Del., to pick up Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his family.

### International

**RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)** — Israel's fierce assault on Gaza's Hamas rulers has destroyed at least \$1.4 billion worth of buildings, roads, pipes, power lines and other infrastructure in already impoverished territory, Palestinian surveyors estimate.

Arab and Western countries will be called on to foot much of the bill to rebuild — which Palestinian economists say could take five years or more.

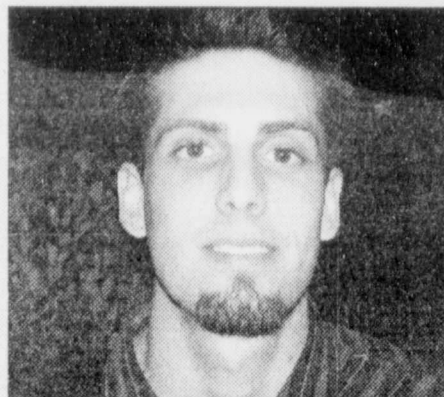
**BEIJING (AP)** — China's economy grew to the world's third-largest in 2007, new data showed Wednesday, another milestone in the country's stunning ascent in the global pecking order that puts it behind only Japan and the United States.

China has grown tenfold in the past 30 years, and the revised data leapfrogged it ahead of Germany. But overtaking the United States is another matter.

"I think it will take only three to four years for China to overtake Japan as the second-largest economy in the world," said Merrill Lynch economist Ting Lu. Catching up with the United States could take decades, he added.

## WORD ON THE STREET

**"What role do you think Cal Poly should take in educating students about safe sex practices?"**

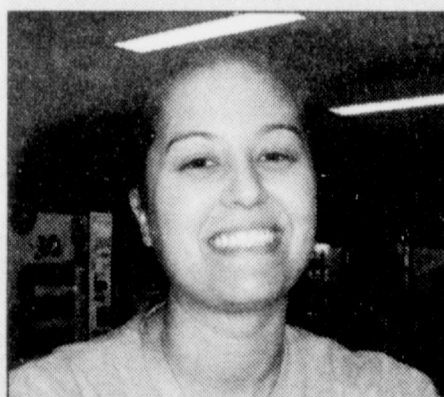


"I'd say there's a lack of education... there is never any talk about safe sex practices."

-Shawn Dillon,  
architecture junior

"None, since we are in college and already live on our own. We should know all about sex if we are having it."

-Brett Synder,  
aerospace engineering  
sophomore



"There should be somewhere students should go to if people needed answers."

-Ashley Madding,  
business marketing senior

"I think they should be available to people who want info but there are other organizations already (off-campus)."

-Jana Black  
animal science senior



# UC regents vote to shrink undergraduate enrollment

Terence Chea  
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The University of California's governing board voted Wednesday to cut undergraduate enrollment and freeze pay for top administrators in response to the state's worsening budget crisis.

The UC Board of Regents approved the plan to reduce freshmen enrollment system wide by 2,300 students in the coming academic year despite concerns that it could hurt campus diversity and shut more students out of the 10-campus system.

UC President Mark Yudof, who urged the regents to see UC, page 4

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# Government makes decision on gray wolf protection

Matthew Brown  
and John Flesher

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The Bush administration on Wednesday announced plans to remove gray wolves in the western Great Lakes and northern Rocky Mountains regions from the federal endangered species list.

But wolves in Wyoming will remain under federal jurisdiction because that state has not done enough to assure their survival, Deputy Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett said.

Courts have overruled previous attempts by the federal government to remove wolves in both regions from the endangered list and return management authority to the states.

In the northern Rockies, the Fish and Wildlife Service tried to address the courts' concerns by excluding Wyoming, where officials had sought a "predator zone" covering almost 90 percent of the state where the animals could be shot on sight.

Federal officials said Wyoming law would have to change before wolves there could be taken off the list, and Wyoming Attorney Gen-

eral Bruce Salzburg said Wednesday that it was "probable" that the state would challenge the latest federal plan in court.

In the western Great Lakes region, the federal government made no policy changes. The Fish and Wildlife Service disagreed with the judge's ruling and restated its case.

The wolves will be removed from the endangered species list 30 days after the decision is published in the Federal Register, which officials said could happen within the next two weeks. A small population of Mexican Gray wolves in the Southwest was not affected by Wednesday's announcement.

The decision could be reversed by President-elect Barack Obama's administration, said Rowan Gould, acting director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Obama spokesman Nick Shapiro said the matter would be reviewed but offered no other details.

"We would hope ... the next administration would not turn around and go a different direction, but of course that certainly is their choice and opportunity," Scarlett said.



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**In some states, gray wolves will no longer be federally protected under a new plan.**

Scarlett also said that the decision was based on science independently of policy considerations and that it was a watershed moment for a species first listed as endangered in 1974.

"Returning this essential part of our national heritage to so much of our natural landscape ranks among our greatest conservation achieve-

ments," Scarlett said.

David Mech, a leading wolf expert and senior research scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey, supported the assertion that the wolf population had rebounded.

"I'm satisfied, and most wolf biologists I know are satisfied, that wolf populations in both regions have been biologically recovered for the last five years," Mech said.

But environmental and animal rights groups, deriding the move as a last-minute effort by the Bush administration to strip protections, promised Wednesday to return to court with another round of lawsuits.

"These guys have been trying for eight years to explain how it could be possible for them to delist the wolves," said Jonathan Lovvorn, a vice president of the Humane Society of the United States. "It's time for them to throw in the towel."

About 1,500 wolves in the Northern Rockies were taken off the list in February 2008. But a federal judge nullified the move in July, saying state management plans could not guarantee their recovery was

sustainable.

The northern Rocky Mountain wolf segment includes all of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, the eastern one-third of Washington and Oregon, and a small part of north-central Utah.

Idaho and Montana already have crafted plans for public hunts to keep wolf populations in check. There were no immediate plans for hunts in the western Great Lakes.

"We're the people that have to live with it," said Eric Svenson of Reed Point, Mont., where officials said wolves have killed two dozen sheep and goats on the Svenson Ranch.

"Maybe hunting will keep their population in check," Svenson said.

Last September, a federal judge sided with animal-rights groups that accused the government of misapplying the law in when it lifted protections for about 4,000 wolves in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin in 2007.

Gray wolves previously were listed as endangered in the lower 48 states, except in Minnesota, where they were listed as threatened.

## Vatican secret confession tribunal opens up

Nicole Winfield

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One of the Vatican's most secrecy shrouded tribunals, which handles confessions of sins so grave only the pope can grant absolution, is giving the faithful a peek into its workings for the first time in its 830-year history.

The Vatican has long lamented that fewer and fewer Catholics are going to confession, the sacrament in which the faithful can receive forgiveness if they sincerely confess their sins to a priest.

To combat the decline, the so-called "tribunal of conscience" invited the public into the frescoed halls of its imposing 16th-century palazzo for a two-day conference that ended Wednesday.

The aim was to explain what the Apostolic Penitentiary actually does, and thereby encourage more of the faithful to go to confession, said Monsignor Gianfranco Girotti, the tribunal's No. 2 official.

"Even though it's the oldest department of the Holy See, it's very little known — specifically because

by its nature it deals with secret things," he said. "We want to relaunch the sacrament of penance."

By lifting the veil of secrecy surrounding the tribunal's work, the Vatican hopes to emphasize the fundamental role the sacrament plays in saving souls, the Vatican's No. 2, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, said in a paper delivered at the conference.

"Today it seems as though the sense of sin has been forgotten," he said.

Confessions of even the most heinous of crimes and sins — such as genocide or mass murder — are handled at the local level by priests and their bishops and are not heard by the tribunal.

Its work involves those sins that are reserved for the pope — considered so serious that a local priest or bishop is not qualified to grant ab-



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**Pope Benedict XVI is greeted by the faithful last September outside of Rome.**

solution, said Cardinal James Francis Stafford, an American who heads the Apostolic Penitentiary.

These include defiling the Eucharist, which Catholics believe is the body and blood of Christ.

Stafford said this offense is occurring with more and more frequency, not just in satanic rites but by ordinary faithful who receive Communion and then remove the host from their mouths and spit it out or otherwise desecrate it.

## UC

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approve the proposals at Wednesday's special meeting, said the enrollment cuts were necessary to preserve the quality of undergraduate education.

"We're in a very difficult budget crunch. Everyone is going to be called upon to make sacrifices," Yudof told the regents. "We have to cut. We have to balance the budget."

The UC system, which has about 220,000 undergraduate and graduate students, is cutting back because it already has about 11,000 students for which it does not receive state funding, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget for 2009-10 doesn't include increased funding for enrollment growth.

Under the plan approved Wednesday, the freshmen enrollment target would be reduced from 37,600 in 2008-09 to 35,300 in 2009-2010. Enrollment would be cut at the Davis, Irvine, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz campuses; remain the same at Berkeley and UCLA; and grow at Merced.

Not all regents supported the move. UC Regent Eddie Island said he was worried that poor and underrepresented minorities, especially black students, would be disproportionately affected by the enrollment cuts.

"It's easy to say, 'Let's take out the students,'" Island said. "I think that's short-sighted, and that's the wrong solution."

To offset the freshmen enrollment cuts and boost campus diversity, the number of community college students transferring to UC campuses will increase by 500 students. Graduate student levels will remain roughly the same.

UC officials still expects to find spots for all California residents who meet its academic standards, but those spots might be at campuses to which the students didn't apply.

The other proposal approved Wednesday would freeze compensation for 285 top administrators for the remainder of this academic year, as well as the coming year. That group includes 85 university chancellors, vice chancellors and other senior executives, including Yudof.

"It sends the right signal in this economic environment," Yudof said. "I really feel it's the time for sacrifice. I think to exert moral leadership, we need to make sure our salaries are under control."

Students also should expect to pay more in the coming academic year because the governor's proposed budget would increase UC student fees by 9.3 percent. The regents are expected to vote on proposed fee increases in the next few months.

The state budget crisis is also forcing the 23-campus California State University system to cut back. Last week, CSU announced it would suspend most hiring, freeze salaries for top administrators and suspend state-funded construction projects for at least 90 days.



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### music column

## All Girl Summer Fun Band releases sixth-year surprise

It's nothing new: feeling nostalgia for the present moment. So I'm not in the least surprised that, when I pop this CD in, my first thought is an idiotic, "Damn, too bad they don't make music like this anymore," even though the CD I'm listening to, "Looking Into It," is brand new. In case you've never listened to All Girl Summer Fun Band, just picture the cutest kitten in the world. That's it. That's the whole metaphor.

I was immediately dragged, giggling and squealing, back into the world of cute girl pop. But something's changed — this definitely has a different feel than the band's earlier releases — the guitars are all crunchy and wrapped up in razor-wire. I'm convinced lead vocalist Kim Baxter has a man's handshake — that's how confident she sounds. Picture the world's cutest kitten wearing an oversized spiked collar, which just makes it a million times cuter. Plus, even when they go up-tempo, they stay on meter and the songs are all longer than two minutes — most are longer than three! The lead track goes so far to use some very well timed back-up Ooo-Oo-Ooo's, which reminded me a lot of "Pretend to be Nice," the fictitious chart-topping single in "Josie and the Pussycats." So it's a more professional affair this time. (The tighter tempos are courtesy of new drummer

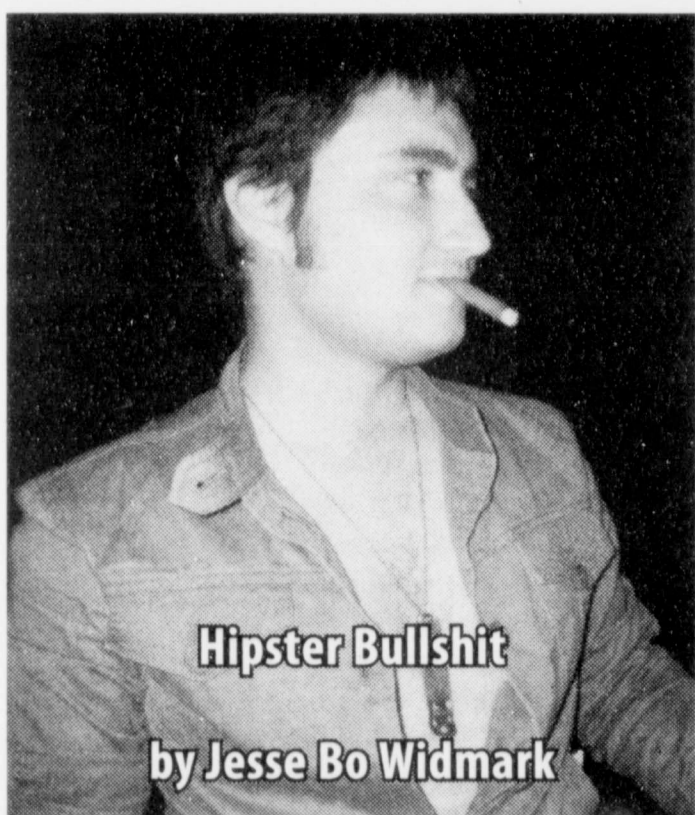
Kathy Foster of The Thermals.)

But I'm putting the ice-cream wagon before the pink pony — a new full-length from All Girl Summer Fun Band? Their last release was six years ago, and, hey, weren't they supposed to be a one-summer only collaboration project? I've caught asking myself what statement they possibly still have to make. But then, of course, I remember that they never had a statement in the first place. That's why I liked this band so much in 2003 and why they're still such a standout today. The girls have hidden no sociopolitical axes to grind up their skirts. Imagine a band totally free of posturing and mission statements. Weird right? They just want to play some super fun sounds for their own sake. Ultimately, they are still making music... six years later for the same reason I'm still going to school. Six years later: no goals. In music, this is an admirable thing.

As expected, the song set is more diverse than those of their other records. "Rewind" is a gentle number that might evoke member Jen Sbragia's former work with The Softies. Put it on to lull children to sleep. But only cute children. My personal favorite at the moment is "Trajectory" which plods along with a lilting melody, and reminds me of Weezer for no absolutely no reason that I can justify or legitimize in any way. The song most reminiscent of their old stuff is "Something New." Irony intended? I don't think so. That's not All Girl Summer Fun Band.



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**Hipster Bullshit**

by Jesse Bo Widmark

### art preview

## National Acrobats of China to perform at Cal Poly PAC

Chelsea Bieker  
MUSTANG DAILY

The Performing Arts Center will play jungle gym to the world-renowned acrobatic troupe the National Acrobats of China at 7 tonight. Cal Poly Arts is proud to present this traveling 35-member group that has mesmerized audiences since 1956 in more than 30 countries. The performance will be a kaleidoscope of talent, featuring martial arts, illusion, stunts, contortionism, cycling and comical repertoire.

Founded over 50 years ago, the award winning performers have maintained a reputation of excellence around the world in countries like Canada, Japan, Italy, England, France and many more. Attendees of the show can expect to see an array of acts such as bench juggling with feet, cycling stunts, handstands on chairs placed on turntables and the crowd-pleasing plates spinning routine. All segments of the performance will come alive to traditional Chinese music as well as vibrant, colorful costuming.

Steve Lorian, director of Cal Poly arts, said this performance will mark the first time the National Acrobats grace Cal Poly with their talents and said that the show will include "spectacular feats of daring."

"They do a bit where they stack 12 to 14 chairs on top of each other and do handstands and balancing on top of the chairs," he said. "They do a lot of flying; acrobatics on ropes on the stage. They do a lot of amazing tumbling things and they do balancing where one person will balance multiple candelabras while doing contortionist sort of activities."

Lorian said that the show will contain the seemingly impossible feat of operating a bicycle with 15 people aboard the single bike. He summed up the show by saying that it would be "fun on a lot of different levels," because along with the high-flying gymnastics and illusion, there is comedic value to the show.

"It's all kinds of great fun," Lorian said. "It is a whole-family type of thing, with lots of 'oohs' and 'ahhs' from the audience."

Lorian said that the main aspect of the show is the fact that it is "really fun to watch; it's not brain surgery." He thinks that the physical aspects of the performance and the level of fitness the acrobats have attained to achieve these feats will be a prominent reason college-age viewers in particular will be interested.

Peter Wilt, interim director of Cal Poly Arts said that acrobatic performances have been extremely popular in the past at Cal Poly and judging by ticket sales thus far, this show looks to be no different.

"They have always been tremendously popular," he said. "They are well priced and they allow us to offer a price that a family can afford to have this type of entertainment."

Wilt added that the contortionism performed is sure to be a favorite.

"The Chinese are famous for this," he said. "It's amazing to see the feats of strength they do."

The show is for all ages except infants. Student rush tickets will be available one hour before curtain priced at \$10 each, or at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Evocative and real, 'Notorious' is a B.I.G. winner

Jesse Washington  
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You love to hear the story, again and again: Young boy trapped in poverty, chooses crime over the classroom, rises to infamous heights only to be gunned down at the apex of success.

But the film "Notorious," a biography of the rapper Notorious B.I.G., transcends gangster-flick clichés because of the outsized talents of the artist and the actor who portrays him. B.I.G., aka Biggie Smalls, was an artist of unique skill and charisma — all of which is captured in a pitch-perfect, and at times, even moving performance by the obscure rapper Jamal "Gravy" Woolard.

This story begins in the late 1980s, when a young Christopher Wallace (played by Biggie's real son, Christopher Jr.) is seduced by the easy money being made by crack dealers in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. When his mother (Angela Bassett) discovers what the white stuff under his bed really is, she kicks the teenage hustler out, accelerating his criminal exploits.

Wallace does a quick jail bid and returns home with an assortment of potent new rhymes and a new name: B.I.G. His demo cassette ends up in the hands of a brash record exec named Sean "Puffy" Combs (Derek Luke), and a rap phenomenon is born.

Unlike recent music biopics such as "Ray" or "Walk the Line," whose audiences may have been unfamiliar with some biographical events, most "Notorious" viewers will know exactly what comes next: The classic hits; the illogical beef with Tupac Shakur, birthing the East-West feud; the twin killings of these gifted storytellers. But "Notorious" manages to add something new to Biggie's exhaustively chronicled story.

The interwoven stories of the women in his life give fresh insight into Biggie's music and personality. No matter how bad his behavior, they always gave him one more chance: his mother Voletta his baby's mother, the girl who Biggie plucked off the corner and Svengalied

into the sex bomb Lil' Kim and his wife, the singer Faith Evans.

With Voletta Wallace as a producer and Combs as executive producer, you might have expected the worst of B.I.G.'s life to be blacked out. But it's all there and it makes the film that much better.

Woolard, who hails from Biggie's old neighborhood, could have coasted on his physical likeness and Brooklyn swagger, but director George Tillman Jr. ("Soul Food," "Barbershop") wrings struggle, charm and triumph from Woolard's expressive face. The film drips with authenticity, from the Coogie sweaters to the actual Fulton Street corner where Biggie sold his dope. And the script, written by Cheo Hodari Coker and Reggie Rock Blythewood, has laughs for days — just like Biggie did.



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Jamal Woolard stands for a promotional photo for the film "Notorious," a biography of the rapper Notorious B.I.G.



# Folk Festival comes to Central Coast for the first time

Chelsea Bieker

MUSTANG DAILY

A new festival is coming to town and it is safe to say that with 19 live concert events planned, there may just be a little folk for everyone. The Central Coast Folk Festival, pre-

sented by the Boutique Hotel Collection, will make its debut Jan. 15 to 18 at five locations around the county: The Cliffs Resort, Apple Farm Inn, The Inn at Morro Bay, SeaVenture Resort and Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort. There will be classic Americana cuisine and live music with genres spanning contemporary and traditional folk, swing, bluegrass and more. The best part: nearly all of the events are free.

Charles Crellin, Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort general manager said that planning for the first-ever event has been underway for about five months. He and others involved hope the event will become an annual festival and a folk music staple for the Central Coast.

"We thought the long weekend of the Martin Luther King holiday would be a really good time to present this first Central Coast Folk Festival. We hope it will become a signature from now on. We thought that this would be a perfect time to do it," Crellin said.

A unique aspect of the festival is that the label "folk music" means many different things here. Crellin said that "Americana" is the term for what people will see this weekend, meaning traditional music rooted in American heritage.

"We're doing folk, we're doing bluegrass, we're doing swing music and a little blues," he said. "So it's really a wide reaching definition of Americana music."

Staying true to the theme, the events will have food that mirrors the tunes with a number of local restaurants offering heritage or Americana dinners and old-fashioned cocktails, "representing the food and wine of America."

There will be an ample amount of arts and crafts on display, as well as a "folk and soak." That's right: hot tubs. Crellin said that after coming up with the aforementioned catchy line, he thought an evening relaxing in the tubs at Sycamore, listening to live music and consuming good food would make for a unique, enjoyable evening.

"I don't think we had heard of something like this before," Crellin said. "There is a storytelling night as well and there is a family-oriented folk fest event at the Apple Farm, so it sort of goes all over; there is an appeal to a lot of different age groups and a lot of different tastes."

While planning the festival, Crellin said that he received all kinds of feedback from the community. "Everybody is excited about it because we haven't ever done anything like this on the Central Coast before." With food, art, wine and music, it would seem the festival has thought of everything.

Crellin described folk music as "often times acoustic, the songs of everyday life, politics and just having fun. With such a wide range definition, we can provide people on the Central Coast with a wide range of music and people will be able to experience this all during in a four-day festival."

Jack Poulis, Cal Poly marketing graduate and lead vocals/ acoustic guitar for three man band, Jack and the Lion, said the Folk Festival "sounds like a really cool gathering of people and bands." He is excited for Jack and the Lion to be able to showcase a new sort of sound at the event.

"We feel like we don't fit into one genre," he said. "But we definitely have our folky side, country side and rock side. We like to call ourselves front porch rock."

Poulis wasn't sure exactly when he started being "folky" but said that with his "kind of country style singing" paired with his acoustic guitar, "somehow folk came out."

"I think it is kind of a mature type of music and I feel like it is starting to become more mainstream," Poulis said. "A lot of the acoustic stuff, like Bright Eyes, is becoming more known, and I think that is because it is a mature type of music; college students can really grasp it and enjoy it."

Jack and the Lion will be performing during sunset at The Cliffs.

"It will be beautiful out, and really help with the vibe. It's an ideal place to play," Poulis said.

Casey Moss, events coordinator for the festival, said that because there are so many events to choose from throughout the four days, there should be something to interest everyone.

"Since there is more than just folk, there is a band that will appeal to every person's taste," she said. "Most events are free and they are all around the county so it is easy to find a good location. I'd say it is a cheap, fun way to go and spend one of your nights. Get a group of friends together to see a band you've never

seen before and eat some good food."

The festival's features will be going on simultaneously throughout the weekend, so be sure to check out the schedule of events. Visit [www.centralcoastfolkfestival.com](http://www.centralcoastfolkfestival.com) for more information.

## Folk Festival Events

### THURSDAY 1/15/09

6-9 p.m. Artisan Market

Music: Cuesta Ridge

Venue: SeaVenture

7-10:30 p.m. Soak & Folk

Music: David Talmadge

Venue: Sycamore Mineral Springs

### FRIDAY 1/16/09

4-6 pm Modern Folk

Music: Jack and the Lion

Venue: The Cliffs Resort

### SATURDAY 1/17/09

The Big Schwing Event

Music: Sugar Daddy

Swing Kings

Venue: The Cliffs Resort

7-9 p.m. Campfire Songs and Stories

Music: Kirk Henning

Venue: Apple Farm

\*These are a few, not all, of the Folk Festival events.



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# Indie time: Sundance mixes stars, newcomers, fans

David Germain  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARK CITY, Utah — The Sundance Film Festival resumes its duties as a great equalizer of the cinema world.

This is where complete unknowns can suddenly find themselves sought-after talent among Hollywood distributors. This is where marquee talent such as Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon and Chris Rock turn up in thoughtful, non-studio flicks. And it's where eager audiences get to grill stars and filmmakers about the creative process during question-and-answer sessions after screenings.

Overseen by Robert Redford's Sundance Institute, the festival is the nation's top showcase for independent film. The 11-day festival includes 118 feature-length films and 96 shorts.

Opening the festival Thursday night is director Adam Elliot's "Mary and Max," a clay-animation tale about a pen-pal friendship between an 8-year-old Australian girl (voiced by Toni Collette) and an obese middle-aged New Yorker (Philip Seymour Hoffman).

Filmmakers say one of the festival's big lures is rubbing elbows with fans who brave the cold, snow and mob scene of Sundance to see something different than what they'll find at their local multiplex.

"That's the best thing about going to a festival, especially Sundance," said Bobcat Goldthwait, writer-director of the dark Sundance comedy "World's Greatest Dad," starring Robin Williams. "I feel like I'm a rich guy who pays money to go to one of those fantasy baseball camps and gets to play baseball with the pros. That's what it's like for me."

"The Office" co-star John Krasinski makes his directing debut with the comedy "Brief Interviews With Hideous Men"; Rock plays host for the documentary "Good Hair" exploring African-American hairstyles; and Sarandon and Pierce Brosnan star in the melodrama "The Greatest."

Other big-name entries include Richard Gere, Don Cheadle and Ethan Hawke in Antoine Fuqua's cop drama "Brooklyn's Finest," Uma Thurman in the domestic tale "Motherhood," Kevin Spacey as analyst to Hollywood A-listers in "Shrink" and William Hurt and Chiwetel Ejiofor in the apartheid story "Endgame."

Festival director Geoffrey Gilmore said key themes this time are "romance and activism."

Sundance is heavy on cautionary environmental stories, among them the dolphin tale "The Cove," the oil-pollution chronicle "Crude" and the earthy ecology study "Dirt! The Movie."

"What you see is people going out and making stories not just identifying problems and documenting what that is, but trying to identify solutions," Gilmore said. "The environmental work you see these days doesn't end with a description of the crisis we're in. It ends with a description of what you can do to help us get out of this crisis."

On the romantic side, Sundance offers quirky stories of passion and affection, including "Don't Let Me Drown," a teen love story set in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks; "Peter and Vandy," chronicling a couple's relationship from hopeful start through slow deterioration; and "Humpday," a tale of old buddies who attempt a "work of art" — an amateur porn flick of straight guys having sex with each other.

Jim Carrey appears in his first Sundance film with one of those romances, "I Love You Phillip Morris," playing a gay con man who meets the love of his life (Ewan McGregor) in prison.

"It's just such a good-hearted, sweet, beautiful, really funny movie. It dares to be romantic," Carrey said, adding a dig at Utah's Mormon church over its involvement in the passage of California's gay marriage ban. "I just think it's a perfect movie for these days, and I'm just so glad it's premiering there. First of all, it's in Utah, which is kind of poignant after Proposition 8."

— Associated Press Television producer Ryan Pearson contributed to this report.



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Ewan McGregor, left, and Jim Carrey are shown in a scene from the con-artist tale "I Love You Phillip Morris," which will be showcased at the Sundance Film Festival, the independent-film showcase that runs Jan. 15-25 in Park City, Utah.

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Pierce Brosnan and Susan Sarandon are shown in a scene from Shana Feste's, "The Greatest," one of the films in competition at the Sundance Film Festival.



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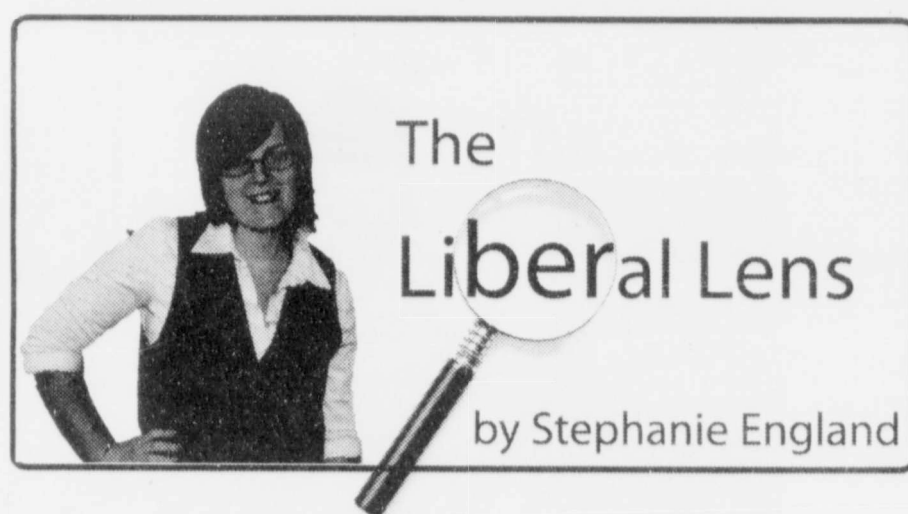
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## The eight-year nightmare is really almost over



The  
Liberal Lens

by Stephanie England

The countdown clocks on every liberal Web site are happily shedding their final hours as George W. Bush prepares to walk out of the Oval Office for the last time as president. On Monday Bush held his last press conference, and for the first time since we met him he showed a reflective side that was almost endearing.

I remember Bush's first press conference after the election in 2004 when he was asked if he had made any mistakes in the first half of his presidency. He couldn't name one mistake. (I had a list of 10 mistakes before the question was even finished).

However, when confronted Monday regarding his decisions as president, Bush seemed very concerned about the uncertain legacy he will leave behind.

He was defensive when he spoke about the economy — the final stain on our memories of him. He also attempted to explain his disconnect with reality during Hurricane Katrina, and he labeled not finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq a mere "disappointment."

When asked why he thought his critics hold so much animosity toward him, his answer was surprisingly

introspective. He said that he always had to do what he felt was right because "if you don't, then I don't see how you can live with yourself. I don't see how I can get back home in Texas and look in the mirror and be proud of what I see if I allowed the loud voices, the loud critics, to prevent me from doing what I thought was necessary to protect this country."

Even though the critics he ignored turned out to be correct, Bush conveyed something I think none of us on the left thought he had in him: self-awareness. I wonder if, when he gets back to his Texas ranch, Bush will sit down to write a reflection on his time in office and ponder how his presidency ended in such disarray.

As I reflected on the arc of his presidency, I couldn't help thinking that the demise of Bush's public life has been very tragic. He made a series of flawed decisions: tax cuts for the rich, failing to fund the No Child Left Behind, misinforming the public about WMDs in Iraq, legitimizing torture as an interrogation procedure and deregulating business, to name a few.

But while these were all decisions Bush no doubt saw as tough choices he had to make for the welfare of the country, they were also decisions that caused America to resolutely turn its back on him and led to the ultimate ruin of his own political party.

I hope that when Bush settles into retirement in Texas and truly has the opportunity to reflect on his time in the White House that he is, in fact, able to look in the mirror and be proud of the (few) good

things he accomplished, like working with Bono to increase America's aid to Africa.

However, I think my voice is in chorus with the rest of the world and the majority of the United States when I say that I am so glad this nightmare is over. From the bottom of my heart, I wish the entire Bush family to lead quiet, private, long lives confined to Florida and Texas, while the rest of us move on. Truly.

Barack Obama said last Thursday in a speech at George Mason University, "Throughout America's history, there have been some years

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that simply rolled into the next without much notice or fanfare. And then there are the years that come along once in a generation, the kind that mark a clean break from a troubled past and set a new course for our nation. This is one of those years."

This is the dawning of the age of intelligence. Nothing is going to change overnight and Obama is not the answer to all of our problems, but we are moving into a moment in American history entirely open to our interpretation and innovation. Our leaders will set a new course for America, with fresh ideas and cohesive policies. And we should all look at this new year, this "clean break from a troubled past," with an open mind.

Next Tuesday will be an incredibly historic day. We will all witness the first African-American take the oath for the most powerful position in the world just one day after we honor Martin Luther King, Jr. The timing is remarkable. I don't think it can be overstated.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bush administration should be held criminally accountable

As the Bush/Cheney administration is air-lifted off the roof of the sinking White House, giving the thumbs up sign, we all know better. We all see the results of

eight disastrous years.

Who will pay? Will it be only our military families, or people losing their homes, or prisoners who have no rights, or Americans whose phones have been tapped or the hundreds of thousands of dead Iraqis, Afghans and Palestinians? Or will George W. Bush

and Richard Cheney be tried and found guilty?

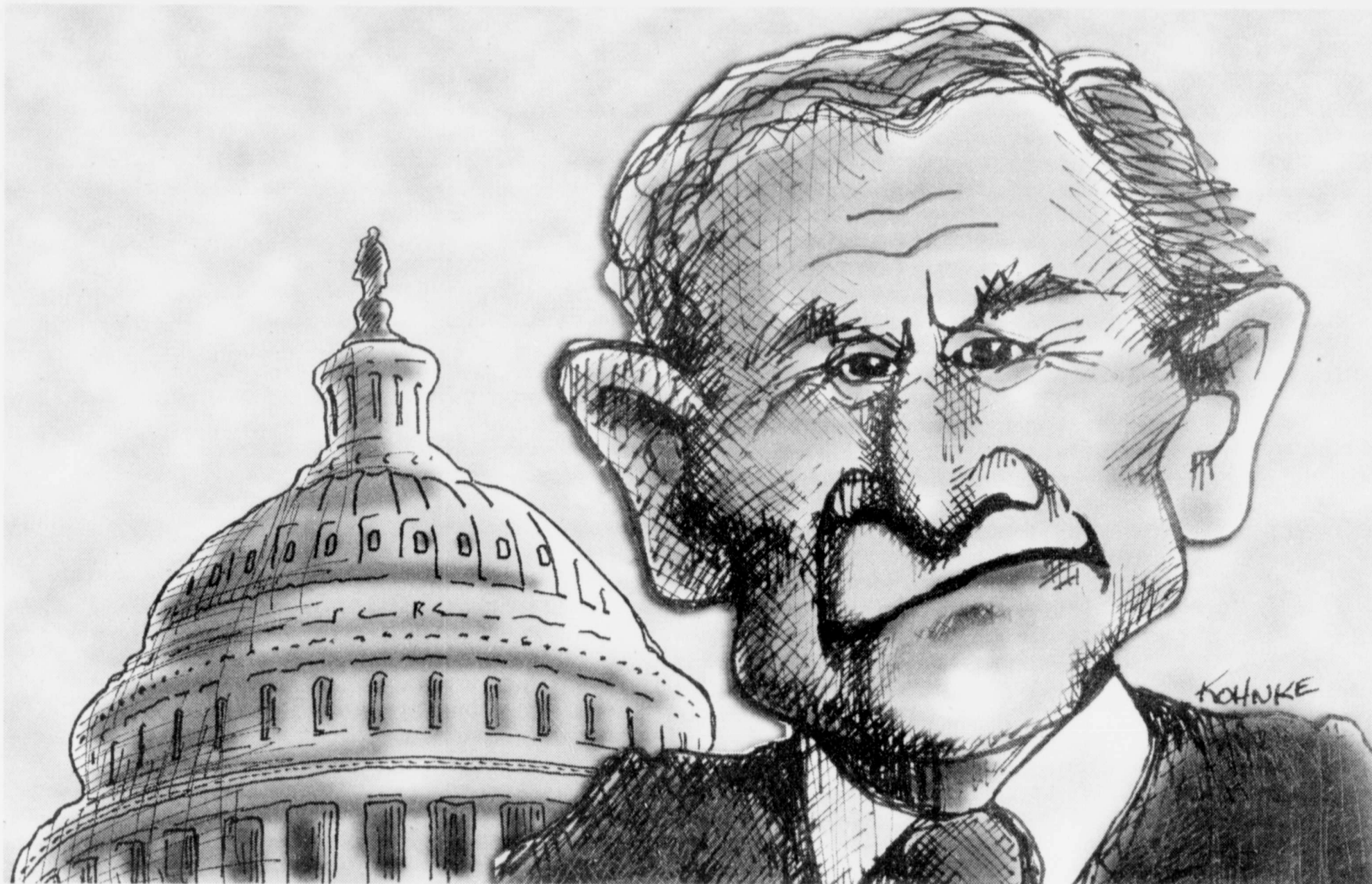
If they are not, let's free every criminal from our overcrowded jails because there is no justice in America. If these two men cannot be indicted for their high crimes and misdemeanors, let all criminals go free.

Or else, let justice be blind and judge them for what they have done. If not, no president or vice-president need worry about crimes, because there are no consequences.

Gale McNeeley

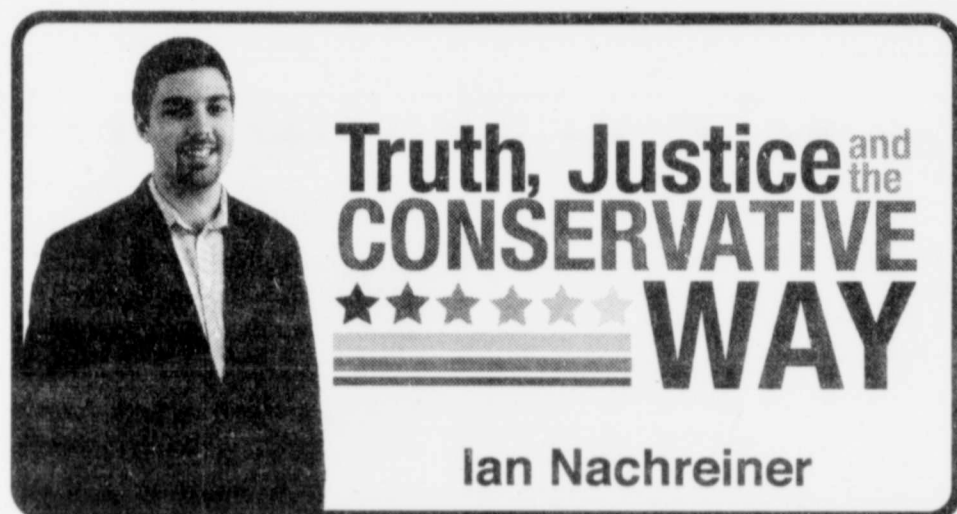
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# How far we've come



## A look at the Bush legacy

The past eight years have been witness to history in the making. America was attacked on home soil for the first time since Pearl Harbor, two wars were and continue to be waged, the economy has gone through two recessions and the government grew larger faster than any other time in history.

In recent years hate, animosity and anger towards President Bush has become a national pastime. People have been so blinded and paralyzed by their disagreements with Bush that it has bastardized facts in lieu of perception. I have been disappointed in recent years by President Bush's reluctance to stand up in defense of his decisions. I respected his position that the office was greater than the man or the rhetoric used against that man. However, by not taking a stand he has let the other side set the stage and start writing their version of history.

That started to change on Monday as Bush gave his last scheduled press conference. I felt proud about my support of him for the first time since Sept. 11. He was unapologetic and reinforced that what he did, with the information provided, may not have been popular but was the right thing to do. As Americans we commonly have a short memory.

I ask, are we better off today than we were eight years ago. Is the country better?

### International Policy

Sept. 11, 2001 was the second day in American history that will live in infamy. More than 3,000 lives were lost that fateful day and since then our country was irrevocably changed and went to war as a result of it.

The War on Terror has been largely criticized due to the war in Iraq. Most had no reservations with going into Afghanistan because they felt like this taking the fight to the enemy. But when an axis of evil was established, the American people wavered. Few understood why Iran, Iraq and North Korea were singled out as nations that sup-

ported or sponsored terrorism. This disconnect was primarily due to a lack of communication with the American people, rather than a lack of validity of the dangers posed by the identified nations.

Sept. 11 showed us that we could no longer look the other way when we were attacked. It showed us that as a nation we needed to remain proactive in reducing threats to our nation. If we did not fight them, they would fight us; we took the fight to the enemy, as a result the danger to our nation has decreased, but not been eliminated.

There are many of you in my readership who might believe that we should talk to our enemy, that negotiation will solve our problems. While I respect your ability to have that opinion, it is fundamentally flawed. Negotiation merely prolongs the inevitable; it does not change a mindset that is opposed to our own set of values and beliefs.

We all disagree about the means taken to get us to the point we are today. From Gitmo to the PATRIOT Act, everyone on all sides has a different take on how we should have done things. But I believe that while heavily criticized today, Bush's international policy will eventually be looked upon as visionary and wise.

### Domestic Policy

I am much more critical of President Bush on matters of domestic policy.

His administration's handling of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina will remain in debate for years. Having a former director of a horse show at the helm of FEMA at the time doesn't help the debate.

"Could things have been done better? Absolutely. But when I hear people say the federal response was slow, then what are they going to say to those chopper drivers, or the 30,000 that got pulled off the roofs?" Bush said.

On Monday, he also spoke about his handling of the economy. Tax cuts were the right thing to do. It helped stabilize the economy after Sept. 11

and spurred economic growth. Yet I fear that in the grand scheme of things, Bush will be blamed for recent economic conditions even though he had little, if anything, to do with creating the situation, the buck stops with him.

### Where we are today

So are we better off today? Yes and no.

The economy is a mess (although the issue of whether Bush is to blame is another debate entirely). He also presided over the largest expansion in government spending in American history, but that would not have been possible without the help of Congress.

Yet his administration has maintained security in the face of adversity. Since Sept. 11 we have not been attacked on our own soil. Regardless of whether you agree with the reasons why or how we have gone after the enemy, it cannot be disputed that we are safer today than we were eight years ago.

As we transition from one administration to the next, I encourage you to remember how far we've come. We're still one nation under God: free and democratic, despite efforts to change our great system into a socialistic welfare state. President Bush has generally made the right decisions as president, although they rarely were the popular decisions. Has he been the president we've always wanted? No. But he has been the president and the leader we've needed.

As he said in his own words on Monday, "Presidents can try to avoid hard decisions and therefore avoid controversy. That's just not my nature. I'm the kind of person that is willing to take on hard tasks, and in times of war people get emotional; I understand that. I never really spent that much time worrying about the loud voices. I of course hear them, but they didn't affect my policy, nor did they affect... how I made decisions."

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This conflict is like any other colonial war of independence, only less clear to outside observers. Europeans from Germany, Poland, Russia, etc. moved to Palestine. They claimed ownership of the land and began a war that has continued for 60 years. You tell me, who is at fault?

People have a right to defend their homeland; Palestine has been under hostile occupation since 1921, intensely hostile since 1948. Eventually the Palestinians will find a way to overthrow the Europeans and toss them out. History has shown us that all occupations eventually fail, the only difference is how long they take. After the end of the occupation, Palestine and Palestinians (Jews, Muslims and Christians) will be in peace.

— Jules

Response to letter to the editor "Breaking the main myth of the Israel/Palestine conflict"

Arabs have been on that land since they were mere nomadic tribes. It has been their home for eons. True, Jews bought the land from Britain (under the false belief that it was, "A land without people, for a people without land"), but it was as much Britain's as America was when they murdered the natives upon their landing, claiming it as their own. We don't see it as that way now, and the same applies to what happened over there. When the Jews first bought the land, the Arab population was at least 600,000. And Israel's economy was horrible until post-WWII when the U.S. started financially supporting them. Also, Arabs are a semitic people, and Islam specifically states that Judaism and Christianity are "legitimate religions" and thus cannot be prosecuted on that basis alone (discrimination, yes, but no harm). Only when Jihad is declared, which can only be done when they feel some force is harming Islam or its people (this would even include drugs, or poverty), can they attack a Jew or Christian. And that cannot be due to their religion alone. So if there is an "ideology of hate" in their culture, it's due to no other reason than feeling that their homes were ripped out from between their fingers. It's clear that you need to do more research on the history over there. To quote a friend of mine who currently lives in Israel: "Both sides suck."

— Josh

Response to letter to the editor "Breaking the main myth of the Israel/Palestine conflict"

It is because of young people like you that I can still keep a bit of real hope that things will change some day. Nicely done.

— Anonymous

Response to letter to the editor "Preventing government corruption"

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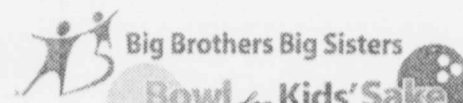
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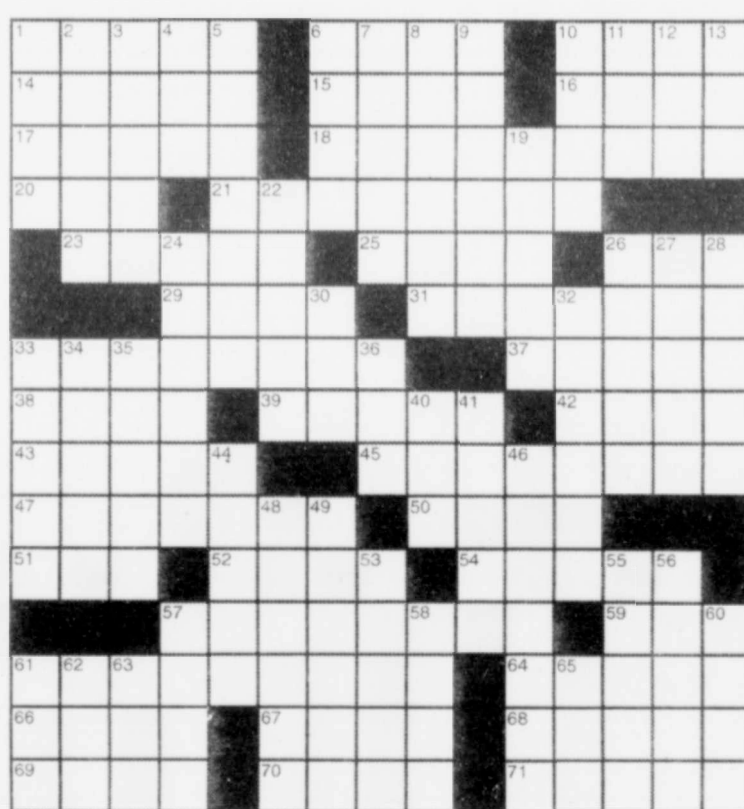
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## Clash

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year, starting in just four games for the Gauchos.

The Mustangs' main benefactor of their absence may be sophomore forward Kristina Santiago, whose shooting percentage (.556) ranks first in the conference and 23rd in the nation.

Santiago is one of the six Mustangs averaging over 1.8 assists per game. Cal Poly ranks 11th in the nation in assists.

McBride said the team chemistry is part of why the team's passing has come together so well.

"We do get along well," McBride said. "A lot of it is just us playing together because it's been carried on from last year."

Although the Mustangs 9-6 start marks the third-best start in school history, McBride still sees the team as underachieving.

"We haven't been playing to our best lately and everyone is ready to prove people wrong," she said. "I think this weekend is our chance to do that."

## Vegas

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tournament over the top. What gives it currency among even casual fans, as well as pride of place on the sports calendar for three weeks, is the bracket.

The people in charge at the NCAA spend plenty to put their antigambling campaign on web sites, TV and posters plastered across campuses and arena locker rooms. The latest is entitled, "Don't bet on it," but providing everyone in America with a betting sheet that begs to be filled out, conveniently folds in half and slips easily into a pocket sure seems like a funny way to get that message across.

Asked for comment about the TV series dubbed "Survive and Advance" and scheduled for the Fox Sports Network, NCAA spokesman Bob Williams said, "In terms of geographic location, the NCAA doesn't have a position one way or another. However, our position is clear and unchanged on college sports wagering ... we oppose it in all forms."

Right. But the funniest thing about the shows — considering the target audience — might be the choice of the aging, fuddy-duddy hosts.

Packer and Knight each devoted

a career to building painstaking reputations as principled, independent contributors to the game. Both are members of college basketball's Hall of Fame.

Knight, the winningest coach in Division I history, is already enshrined in the Naismith Hall of Fame; Packer, who broadcast every Final Four since 1975 before departing from CBS after last season, is on the latest nominating ballot. And neither man needs the money.

Packer long ago made a fortune by making deals on and off the court, a few of which involved accepting sponsorship from companies or working with a few of the coaches he covered.

But he proudly described himself as a "a walking conflict of interest" in an interview with the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer only last year, adding defiantly, "Now if somebody could show me where that conflict turned out to have a negative impact on the game, then I would be first of all embarrassed by it and certainly make sure it didn't happen again."

Got that?

Knight's involvement is stranger still. After decades of railing against the media, he joined ESPN at the start of last season as an analyst and re-upped for another season — including NCAA tournament duties — just this past November

for a handsome fee. But dismissing a few scruples about working for a rival was hardly the tough part about signing on with Packer.

Years ago, when Knight was at Indiana and always put the best interests of the game ahead of his own, he famously railed about betting lines published every day in the Bloomington paper. "Why don't the newspapers run whores' phone numbers?" he asked. "Is betting on basketball, football or baseball less illegal than prostitution?"

The best reason to watch "Survive and Advance" is to see whether Packer is as good as his word, or whether Knight uses the new platform to settle a few old scores with the NCAA, since both often do their best work off the page.

We'll have to wait until March to find out whether Packer and Knight are still contrarians.

What we've learned beyond a doubt is that they're already hypocrites.

— Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

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## Central Coast rivals clash again

Any Cal Poly student that has any inkling about what this rivalry is about gets pretty motivated.

—Faith Mimnaugh  
Cal Poly head coach

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The Cal Poly women's basketball team and UC Santa Barbara have been in a number of wars over the last few years.

The Mustangs (9-6, 2-2 Big West Conference) and Gauchos

(9-6, 4-0) will get reacquainted on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Thunderdome.

Let the battle recommence. "Any Cal Poly student that has any inkling about what this rivalry is about gets pretty motivated," Mustangs head coach Faith Mimnaugh said. "We bleed green and hopefully you'll see a lot of green blood."

The teams met three times last season including in the Big West Tournament Semifinal, in which UC Santa Barbara ended the Mustangs season, handing them a 77-57 defeat.

The Gauchos won all three meetings last year.

"We have nothing to lose," said senior guard Lisa McBride. "No one ever expects us to win that game and we always know that we can do it. We go in and give everything we have."

That mentality is a key to Cal Poly's reversal of fortune at the Thunderdome. The Mustangs went 23 years without a win in Santa Barbara, a streak that was ended in 2006.

Cal Poly has since won two



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Cal Poly sophomore forward Kristina Santiago, right, looks for a shot. Santiago leads the Big West Conference in field goal percentage.

of the last three meetings at the Thunderdome, their lone defeat coming in overtime last year.

Still, Mimnaugh said that the team is more focused on the overall outcome of the conference as opposed to the outcome of this game.

"Certainly for us it's a lot less about a statement and more about getting back into the (conference) race," Mimnaugh explained. "We're right in the middle of the pack and we want to be at the top and get some byes in the tournament."

The Mustangs have a long week to prepare for UC Santa Barbara, playing only one game this week, a fact that Mimnaugh said can be a positive or a negative.

"The players might tell you it's a bad thing," Mimnaugh said. "But we'll have more opportunities to work through their personnel. We'll be practicing very hard this week in preparation for the top team in the conference."

McBride sees some similarities between the two teams, which

could contribute to the close games between them.

"We both are very aggressive teams," McBride said. "We battle to the end, it's never over when we play each other. No matter who's up or who's down, we can be down by 10 but we're still going to work our butts off to beat them."

Mimnaugh said that rebounding would be the key element to another Cal Poly upset bid.

"When we've had success there in the past, it's been because of our offensive production on the glass and so that's an area of emphasis as we're preparing this week," Mimnaugh said.

The Mustangs may be aided on glass by the absence of two of UC Santa Barbara's most valuable post players in senior centers Jenna Green and Kat Suderman.

Suderman, a San Luis Obispo native who played her high school basketball at Mission Prep, has been hampered by injuries this

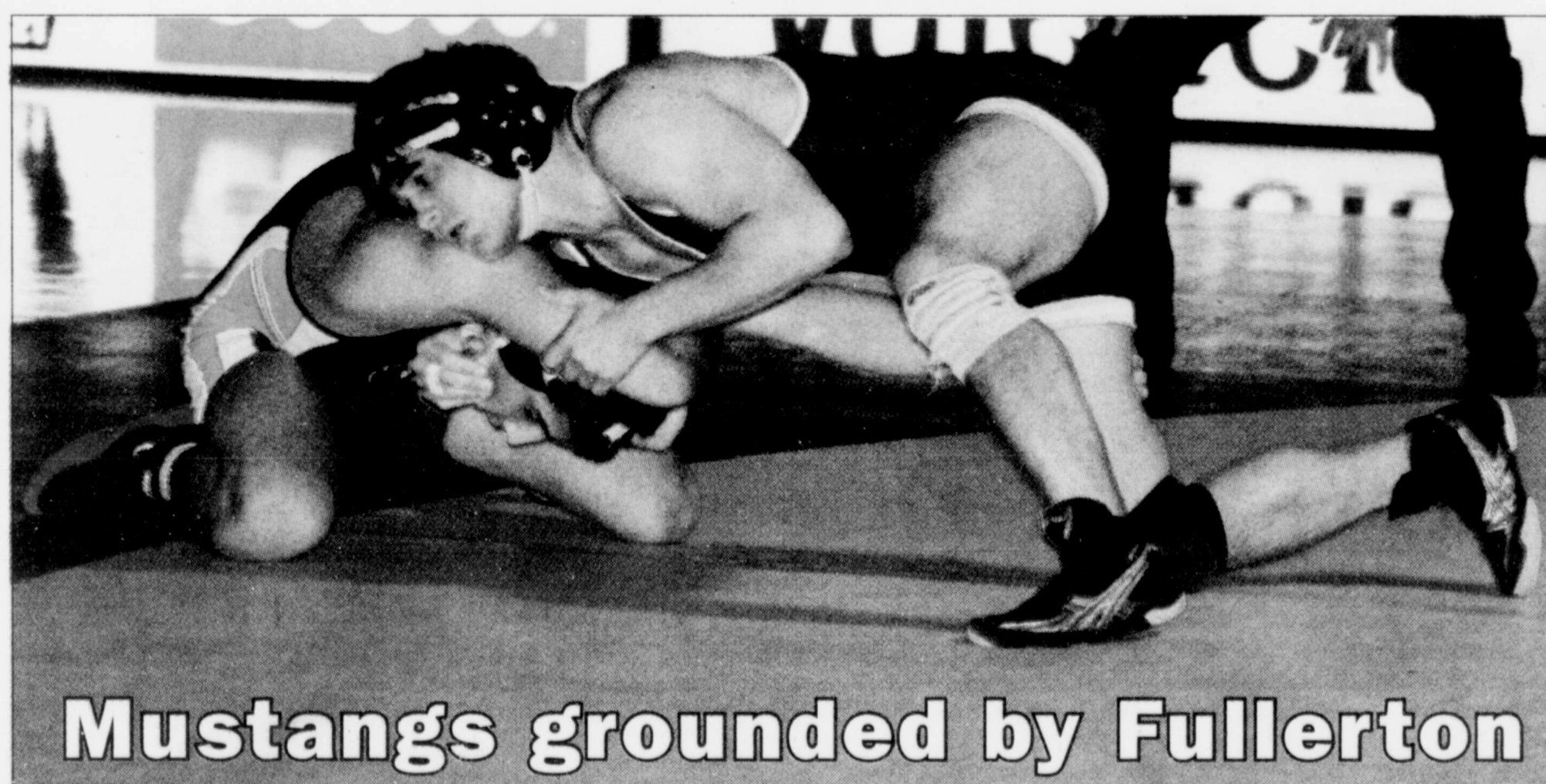
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UC Santa Barbara	4-0 1.000	9-6 .600
UC Riverside	3-1 .750	7-9 .478
Pacific	2-1 .667	8-7 .533
UC Davis	2-1 .667	6-8 .429
Cal State Fullerton	2-1 .667	5-8 .385
Cal Poly	2-2 .500	9-6 .600
Cal State Northridge	0-2 .000	3-12 .200
UC Irvine	0-3 .000	3-13 .188
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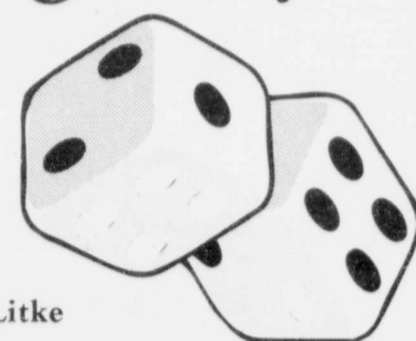


## Mustangs grounded by Fullerton

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Cal Poly junior Chase Pami, center, grapples with Cal State Fullerton freshman Steven DeLaFuente. Pami won the match 10-4 to improve his overall record to 15-6. Fullerton won the dual 28-9. For a full recap of the Mustangs final home dual of the year go online to [www.mustangdaily.net](http://www.mustangdaily.net).

## March Madness: Vegas Style



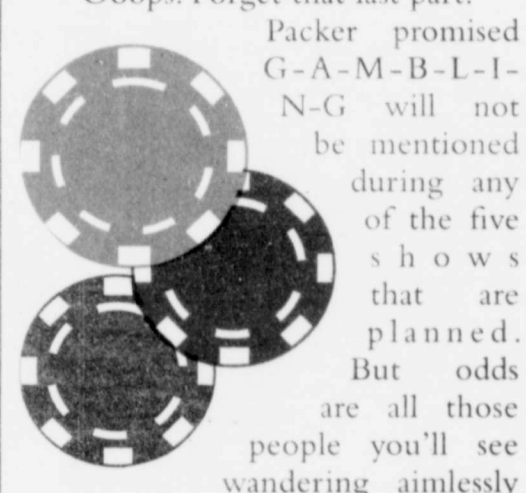
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Everyone has bills, but that only begins to explain why Bob Knight agreed to ride shotgun for Billy Packer on what figures to be a string of cheesy NCAA tournament specials being taped at a sports book on the Las Vegas Strip.

"Why Vegas," Packer explained during a stopover Monday in Sin City, "is because Bob and I, and a lot of people, want to really experience what this is really like because we do think, next to being center court, this is the place to be."

Sure. Because nothing says "March Madness" like scantily clad cocktail waitresses, a heaving buffet, a wall of wide-screen TVs and lots and lots of gambling.

Ooops. Forget that last part.



Packer promised G-A-M-B-L-I-N-G will not be mentioned during any of the five shows that are planned. But odds are all those people you'll see wandering aimlessly

in the background at the Wynn Las Vegas Race & Sports Book wearing dazed expressions did not come just to soak up the ambience.

Still, there's little to be gained being sanctimonious at this late date. College basketball has been rocked by point-shaving scandals at a handful of schools in the last half-century, but that's ancient news to kids who consume fantasy sports as ferociously as the real thing.

They've grown up with poker on TV, casinos on riverboats, race-tracks or OTB parlors in most big cities, betting pools at the office, and scratch cards and lottery machines at every gas station and convenience store in the state. And like it or not, that just happens to be the demographic every sports network and advertiser would kill for.

The NCAA tournament makes for compelling watching because every one of the 63 games are contested like Game 7 of the World Series. Nearly every one ends with a handful of players punching the air and screaming with joy, while another handful, shirt tails pulled out and tears streaming down their faces, trudges off toward the exits.

But it's not drama, or even all the alumni with a dog in this fight or that one, that puts the NCAA

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